# New and Recent TRI Reporting Requirements Reporting Year (RY) 2014 (Reporting Deadline July 1, 2015)

#### • New TRI Chemicals:

Nonylphenol Category

A final rule was published on September 30, 2014, (79 FR 58686) adding a nonylphenol category to the TRI list of reportable chemicals. Facilities that manufacture, process, or otherwise use nonylphenol should begin collecting release information on the chemical during 2015. Reporting forms will be due July 1, 2016 for nonylphenol if TRI reporting thresholds are met.

#### o-Nitrotoluene

A final rule was published on November 7, 2013 (78 FR 66848) to add o-nitrotoluene to the list of chemicals required for TRI reporting. Facilities are required to submit TRI forms for RY 2014 activities, due July 1, 2015, if TRI chemical use and other thresholds are met.

 Facilities May Now Submit Optional Facility-Level Information in TRI-MEweb Without Submitting a Form R or Form A

You can now use TRI-MEweb to indicate that your facility will no longer be reporting to TRI or will not be submitting a form for one or more specific TRI-listed chemicals for the current reporting year. Additionally, you can update location and contact information for your facility without having to submit a TRI reporting form.

Optional Field for Reach Code of Receiving Streams or Water Bodies

In Section 5.3, you are required to enter the names of the streams or water bodies to which your facility directly discharges a reportable EPCRA Section 313 chemical. Beginning in Reporting Year (RY) 2014, you may also enter the 14-digit reach code assigned to each receiving water body by the United States Geological Survey's (USGS) National Hydrography Dataset (NHD). Doing so will ensure that EPA and other researchers map your discharges to the correct stream reach when conducting analyses. TRI-MEweb will automatically populate the appropriate reach code when you select your receiving water body on the map provided in the user interface for this section.

Reporting Production or Activity Ratio

Beginning in RY 2014, you are required to indicate whether the ratio you are reporting in Section 8.9 is a production ratio or an activity ratio (previously referred to as an activity index). EPA has also clarified the instructions for this Section and added new examples to help you select the appropriate variable to use in calculating this ratio.

Estimated Annual Reduction for Source Reduction Activities

Beginning in RY 2014, you may provide an optional percentage range indicating the estimated annual reduction in chemical waste generation associated with any source reduction activity(s) you

have reported in Section 8.10. If you choose to complete this field, the reductions associated with your pollution prevention efforts will be featured on EPA's website through the TRI Pollution Prevention Search Tool at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/tri/p2">http://www.epa.gov/tri/p2</a>.

• Optional Checkboxes in Section 8.11 for Barriers to Source Reduction

Beginning in RY 2014, TRI-MEweb will provide a pick-list of categories that you may use to report barriers your facility faces with respect to source reduction. You may also elaborate on how these barriers apply to your facility by clicking the "Provide additional info" button next to any checkbox you have selected. This information is optional and will appear in Section 8.11.

Checkboxes for Categorizing Optional Free-Text Information in Sections 8.11 and 9.1

Beginning in RY2014, you may indicate that you are submitting information pertaining to one or more specific topics by selecting from a pick-list of topics provided by TRI-MEweb in Section 8.11 and Section 9.1. Sections 8.11 and 9.1 will be displayed as a table of comments on different topics rather than as single textboxes. Use of the checkboxes will ensure that your optional information reaches its intended audience.

## Labeling Changes

The Form R for RY 2014 includes several labeling changes that are not associated with any changes to reporting requirements. These changes include the relabeling of Section 8, "Source Reduction and Waste Management;" the insertion of the heading, "Production-related waste managed" for Sections 8.1-8.7; the relabeling of Section 8.8 as "Non-production-related waste managed"; the placement of the heading "Disposal to land on-site" to encompass both Sections 5.4 and 5.5; and the use of the term "Activity Ratio" in Section 8.9 in place of "Activity Index."

## • Pollution Prevention

In order to promote pollution prevention (P2), EPA has increased the prominence and accessibility of the P2 information reported in Sections 8.10 and 8.11 of the Form R. Some companies reporting P2 are now highlighted in the annual TRI National Analysis report, and all P2 entries are featured in the TRI P2 Search tool.

P2 data is also newly accessible at the corporate level through this tool. To learn more, visit:

## http://www.epa.gov/tri/p2.

Distributing POTW Transfer Quantities in Section 8

Table VI in the Reporting Forms & Instructions contains removal and destruction rates for toxic chemicals sent to POTWs, based on experimental and estimated data. These percentages are automatically pre-loaded into TRI-MEweb to assist with Section 8 calculations, but may be overridden if the facility has better information on the final disposition of the chemical readily available. These percentages are used to calculate off-site release and treatment quantities in Section 8, but you may also share these percentages publicly by using the checkbox provided in TRI-MEweb. Doing so will provide additional context and explanation for the quantities you have submitted in Sections 6 and 8.